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Heartland to honor cops who tackled hate crimes

Three police officers and the former organizer of Grossmont Union High School District's Race/Human Relations Task Force will receive awards next week for abetting the cause of tolerance in East County.

The Community Human Relations award will be presented by Heartland Human Relations and Fair Housing Association at its 29th annual awards dinner. 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Lemon Grove Community Center, 3146 School Ln. in Lemon Grove.

The catered Italian dinner costs \$6 per person. Children under 8 eat for free. The public is invited to participate.

The officers selected for kudos are Sheriff's Deputy Cameron Gary, El Cajon police officer Chris Krug and La Mesa Detective Daniel Willis. These officers are being honored for their work with hate crimes investigation and community-oriented policing.

Jean Kerr, former Administrator in the Grossmont Union High School District, is being honored for her work on the Race/Human Relations Task Force, which has recently been reorganized and will meet again Jan. 29.

Heartland's board of directors will also be elected at this meeting. The officers are Pat Fox (president). Jack Shu (vice president). Lois French (secretary) and Dan Winfree (treasurer). Members at large include Marcia Baltgalvis, Cathie Martin, Haywood Martin, Erv Metzgar, Dr. Bill Pogue, Debbie Setzer and Janet Walker.

To RSVP for the dinner or for additional information, call 460-2744 or the 24-hour answering machine at 460-0121.

Grossmont seeks excellent alumni

Grossmont College is taking nominations of former students who have excelled in their personal and professional lives for the 6th annual Walk of Fame.

The Walk of Fame was established in 1989 to honor outstanding alumni of Grossmont College. The person selected will have his or her name and dates of attendance at Grossmont College inscribed on a plaque, which will be placed between the library and the Administration Building.

Nomination forms will be accepted until 5 p.m. Feb. 20. For a form or more information, call Jack Peters at 644-7600.

KingFest gains momentum in second year

by Joe Naiman

The city of La Mesa hosted its first KingFest last year and received more publicity for the racist graffiti attacking it than for the event itself.

This year, the La Mesa Human Relations Commission hopes that the event can stand on its own without sensationalism.

The 1998 KingFest will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Sunday at the La Mesa Community Center on Memorial Drive.

Although the city of La Mesa is the sponsor of the event, the cities of El Cajon and Santee expressed interest in co-sponsoring this year's KingFest and backed that interest with financial contributions. The Heartland Human Relations and Fair Housing Association also provided sponsorship for this year's event.

While being held on the holiday weekend honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, the program honors cultural diversity in general, not just African-American culture.

"In my eyes I can see that East County has become more and more diversified, and we need to honor and celebrate rather than complain," said Carol Lockwood, chair of the La Mesa Human Relations Commission.

The date coincides with the 40th anniversary of the racial integration of the National Hockey League by current La Mesa resident Willie O'Ree. The presence of a Gulls hockey game at the Sports Arena that evening will likely deprive the KingFest of the first black player in the NHL.

There will be a procession of students in different costumes representing various cultures, along with performances by the Helix High School bagpipers, Jean's Dance Studio, Lemon Grove's Good Shepherd A.M.E. Choir and Encanto's St. Stephen's Youth Choir. Soloists will include Damon York, Karel Spikes and Anasa Johnson. Mount Miguel freshman Khaliah Walker, actress Amonda Robinson and La Mesa Mayor Art Madrid will be speaking.

East County's black population runs about half the county average. Lemon Grove is 11 percent black, followed by Spring Valley (& percent), La Mesa and El Cajon (3 percent) and Santee and Lakeside (1 percent).

Organizers note, however, that it is perfectly appropriate for a predominantly white community honor a black leader.

"I don't think it's important just to East County. It's important to the nation," said Madrid. "In our society, we have a tradition of recognizing or honoring individu-

als who have made a contribution to society in one fashion or another. King is as deserving of that recognition as anyone else who has a national holiday."

Madrid is one of the few nonwhite elected officials in East County. John Hood Sr. of the Alpine Union Elementary School District Board is believed to be the only black holding elective office.

Besides Madrid, Hispanics

public officials in East County include Grossmont Union High School District Trustee Nadia Davies, born in Morocco of Spanish parents, and Lakeside Water District Trustee Tom LaMadrid, a ninthgeneration Californian with ancestors in this state when it was part of Mexico.

While some may consider this a lamentably low total, others see it as

a sign that East County will support minorities whose views reflect those of the communities. Madrid himself is completing his second term as La Mesa's mayor after previous serving on the city council.

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The Upendo Gospel Crew (above) delivers the word at the 1997 KingFest. This year's event will include an excerpt from King's work presented by high school speech team member, Khaliah Walker of Lemon Grove.

the publicity due to the spraypainting on the side of the build-

ing. This year, the La Mesa Police Department will provide some additional surveillance in the area prior to the event as well as a police officer on site during the

graffiti our

"The same people who graffiti our building would break their necks to get the autograph of Michael Jordan."

La Mesa Mayor Art Madrid

"I think it's incumbent on individuals within any ethnic group or any racial group to rise above the rhetoric to make an effort to make legitimate contributions to their respective communities," he said. "East County, like anybody else, will respond to people who demonstrate they have those qualities they are looking for."

Perhaps the minorities most associated with East County are the approximately 1,000 members of the Barona, Viejas and Sycuan Indian reservations. With the exception of the Grossmont Union High School District, whose employees are scattered among a dozen sites, the Indian casinos are East County's largest employers.

Lockwood of La Mesa's Human Relations Commission agrees that television commercials, newspaper advertising and sponsorship of events make non-gamblers aware of the presence and history of the Kumeyaay Indians.

"They seem to do a lot of good with their money," she said. "So I certainly do think it is a positive force for interest in ethnic groups."

Last year's KingFest drew 200

300 people, many attracted by

Police Department's patrol division commander, said that additional security would be provided but that a large security force wouldn't be necessary.

Capt. Al Lanning, the La Mesa

"It's a relatively isolated type of incident," he said of the hate crimes, which also included pamphlets at Mayor Madrid's house and Helix High School. "We have had some incidents over the years, but as a percentage of our total crime picture it's very small."

Four young adults were recently sentenced for other racial-based crimes in La Mesa, but Investigations Commander Lt. Bobby Barrett said that there was not enough evidence to charge them with the racial graffiti which marred last year's KingFest.

Even so, racists struck again in La Mesa last weekend when postage stamp-sized drawings of minorities were found on Allison Avenue by the La Mesa Police Department headquarters and at Grossmont High School. The weekend's rain obliterated the printing of many of the flyers and washed others away.

"It was more like trash. Most people didn't pay attention to it." said Barrett.

While remaining prepared for additional incidents. KingFest leaders hope that this year's biggest problem is the schedule conflict with the hockey game on the anniversary of O'Ree's integration.

"Unfortunately I knew he lived in our community, but I didn't know that was the significant date," said Madrid, who feels that the city should honor O'Ree for his contribution.

Madrid noted that the first black athletes paved the way for acceptance of today's black athletes. While 1997 was the Year of the Tiger. Madrid said that Lee Elder and Charlie Sifford were given second-class treatment when they became the first two black men to break into professional golf.

"And now a number of years later, even though they were the trailblazers, people can't do enough for Tiger Woods," Madrid said, "What's happened is the same people who graffiti our building would break their necks to get the autograph of Michael Jordan and other individuals like that. The only difference is ability and skills. They forget they're all human."

Madrid does predict future growth for the celebration. He notes that the KingFest honors not just Dr. Martin Luther King, but the ideals for which he stood.

"I hope it becomes an ongoing tradition in our community where we can celebrate all the contributions made by Dr. King." he said. "Five years from now it's going to be a significant event as it keeps growing and evolving."

The long-term goals are dependent on the KingFest's immediate acceptance, which seems to be the case, "We're just hoping for a successful celebration," said Lockwood.

M is for Mayor

Personal comments of Mayor Mary Sessom

TAC moves meetings to evenings

Several months ago I wrote a column about the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC). This committee was originally established by the City Council as a technical advisory body for issues relating to traffic within the city limits. The committee meets every other month in open session to discuss in detail matters brought to its attention by citizens. staff, other agencies or the City Council.

Recently, the meetings were moved to the evenings in order to accommodate the schedules of our residents. The members of TAC consist of two individuals from the school district, a representative from the Sheriff's department, an appointee from the Chamber of Commerce, the City Engineer, City Manager and myself.

TAC has the time and the expertise to discuss in detail the technical aspects of traffic issues ranging from speed control to parking on city streets. If necessary, traffic engineers are called in to lend their very specialized knowledge. (I believe the only thing lacking from this group are more members who are residents, but that is a matter I am presently pursuing through the City Council).

Recently, TAC received a request from two businesses who wish to see the block of Washington between Broadway and Golden Avenue made into a two-way street. The owners believe that their businesses will improve if drivers can go down and up Washington. The city engineer took a look at the road and said that from a traffic engineer's perspective it can be turned into a two-way street.

On a six to one (mine) vote, TAC sent its recommendation for the change to the City Council for further discussion and a decision. This issue had been agendized for the City Council meeting on Jan. 20. Residents who live within 300 feet of the proposed change will be notified of this meeting so they may come and make their opinions known.

I think this issue affects the whole city and not just those residents and businesses within 300 feet of the proposed change. Washington is one of the few north/south streets that cross our city and empty into Spring Valley. And, with the exception of the corner of Washington and Broadway, it traverses only residential areas.

Will this change make it easier for residents living in that area of the city to get to their homes? Will it increase commuter traffic looking for a less congested way to Spring Valley? What difference will the completion of the 125 freeway have on the traffic patterns on this end of the city? Should we wait until 125 is done before we make a change?

How difficult will it be to change it back if the impacts to our neighborhoods are negative? Will this change have a positive effect on the businesses at that intersection? How will it affect the residents of St. John's Plaza who frequently cross that intersection to go to the businesses or the bus stops? What about the children who walk Washington when going to St. John's Academy? Who will be the beneficiaries of this change on Sundays after Mass at the church?

These questions will have to be answered by the City Council when they decide whether or not to change the configuration of this street. I believe that we need to hear from as many residents as possible. Please attend the meeting on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Community Center on School Lane. If you have any questions, I can be reached at City Hall (464-6934).

Community Notes

Vespers to be performed at St. Philip's

Latin Vespers of Christmas and Epiphany will be performed by Schola Pacifica at 4 p.m. on Sunday at St. Philip's Episcopal Church. 2660 Hardy Dr. in Lemon Grove.

A freewill offering will be received and child care will be available. For further information call the church office at 466-8055.

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What would Dr. King say today?

PG Perspectives

by Phillip Giannangeli

Jobs

At a time when we honor the only American to have an American holiday named for him (since the legacy of Washington and Lincoln have been fused together to form "President's Day"). I'm curious as to just what Martin Luther King Jr. would do if he could come back today, look around and make an assessment of just what his Civil Rights struggle really meant 30 years after his assassination.

First, he might scratch his head at his family's attempt to get a new trial for his confessed killer: but then, on the other hand, he would certainly not want an innocent man to spend time in jail, like he did in the 1950's in Birmingham.

He would probably look with cynical disdain upon Bill Clinton, whose whole career has been built on lies and crooked deals. Sure, both King and Clinton were adulterers, but no one could accuse the former of at least not believing in what he was fighting for. Mr. Clinton's idea of courage is to make bold, ambiguous pronouncements concerning issues no one would be for (ie hunger, illiteracy, drug use, crime, etc.) and then sit back and rake in the good press. But that's another story.

I'm sure he would also be appalled at how his own young people are killing each other with wild abandon. In fact, brothers are killing brothers faster than the Ku Klux Klan could have ever dreamed. Had he lived until June 30, 1974, he would have seen his own mother. Alberta Williams King, shot to death while playing an organ in an Atlanta. Ga. church. The killer, Wayne Marcus Chenault, just happened to be black. Now there's something that history has conveniently forgotten.

What would be Dr. King's opinion on the overwhelming percentages of young black men serving time, doing drugs or having trouble finding employment, despite having the same educational opportunities as any given white person?

Could he have accepted a black man, clearly guilty of murdering his wife and another person, being let off the hook because members of his own race wanted to "send a message" to the white community?

I also wonder if King would look favorably upon a welfare system that has made a permanent underclass of many of his fellow blacks, keeping them dependent upon the largess of a so-called benevolent government for their very sustenance, and making it almost impossible to wean themselves from it.

Would he have supported Louis Farrakhan's anti-Semitism, hate mongering and worship of Malcolm X, a man who King slugged out with on more than one occasion? How successful would the Civil Rights movement have been without whites, Jews, Catholics and others that black leaders of today seem to disparage with ease?

Lastly, how would King feel about the current atmosphere which has made it easy for blacks (as well as any other race) to wantonly kill their offspring through legalized abortion, if, for nothing else, the sake of convenience. Even his own lieutenant, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who once said that abortion was "genocide against the black people." That's the same Jackson who later sold his soul, and his integrity, to run for president as a Democrat in 1981 and '88.

So, for my money, I picture King coming back and not being at all satisfied with what he left behind in April of 1968. People continuing to be judged by the color of their skin and not by the content of their character will keep his people from being free at last for many more years to come.

I guess it's our lot in life: a must do. We all have to work. And since I haven't heard anyone make any really sound arguments refuting this requirement. I'll assume we'll just have to make the best of it. We clock-in; we do some kind of work.

Now there are those who might argue that there aren't enough jobs out there for everyone of us to have one. If that's the case, I'll eat my hat. (Editor's note: Giannangeli does own a hat, but if you ever saw him eat anything, you'd pass on the offer.) Sure, some of these jobs may not be great ones, but they are out there. And they certainly do provide the opportunity to meet life's requirement to work, pleasant or not. Let's take a look at some not-the-president-of-the-bank jobs.

One NTPOTB job is where a guy (or girl) runs behind the head coach at football games trying to keep the communication cable the coach is hooked up to untangled. There are a lot of coaches so there must be a bunch of those jobs around. And it's a job with some fringe benefits: you're at ground zero and you get to see and hear all the blood and guts of the game. But I don't think this job has much of a future. You don't see too many middle age untanglers running up and down the field. It is a job, though, and it helps make my point.

Let me showcase other jobs that are out there, not all of them the stuff dreams are made of. Maybe after reading this, you won't feel so bad when you think about getting up in the morning and meeting your own work obligations.

About the worst job I can think of is the removal and clean-up of those portable toilets that line the outer boundaries at most public events. Based on my observations of those facilities, whoever fell into that line of work has my total sympathy. Not only is the job itself as dismal as one can imagine, but there sure couldn't be much to talk about with fellow workers after work. And I'm sure any dinner time discussions at home that begin with "Well, hon, how was your day today?" would likely lead to a diminished appetite.

Another job that, in the vernacular of the young and hip, sucks, is that of government agents at a vehicle check-point station. The suck in this case refers to the sucking of air. How these people have any lungs left at the end of a day is a miracle. Perhaps their discomfort is compensated for by the excitement and complexity of the job. "Let's see now, that's 210 Hondas, 190 Toyotas, three smugglers, 14 Volvos, 37 illegal aliens, and 17 smoking old pick-ups." These workers must go home each night suffering from mental and esthetic exhaustion as they gasp for air. Maybe they should get together with toll booth operators and form a support group.

One job category that often gets whimsical attention is that of "taster." Wine taster, ice cream taster, cheese taster, chip-dip taster. You can throw chocolate taster into that mix too. Imagine, though, if any of these were your favorite delicacy and you had to taste them over and over and over again. How long would they remain a favorite? How soon before you upchucked? And speaking of upchucking tasters, who is it that tastes pet food so that it can be advertised as tasting better than its leading competitor? Fido? Felix? Frankie?

I know Γ m not exhausting the jobs-from-hell category by any means. If you have any job descriptions that are not-president-of-the-bank kind of jobs or are even more distasteful than the ones Γ ve mentioned, please send them to Forum Publications. We'll sort through them and send out movie theater tickets to the two best (in this case worst) jobs described. We'll even include Betty Jo Tucker's recommendations on which movies to see.

Letter to the Editor

In Proposition 208 we once again see a simplistic liberal solution to

The liberal solution is more laws limiting contributions thereby

an illness that is clearly misdiagnosed. The court properly threw it out.

watering down First Amendment rights of free speech and association.

In the meantime, Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work I go.

The solution is to limit government

Of course, these laws have never worked and never will.

Reel Thoughts

Local film critics join awards parade

by Betty Jo Tucker

About this time each year, film critics throughout the nation attempt to influence voting members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. How? By announcing their own awards before the Oscar nominating procedure begins.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association receives most of the pre-Oscar publicity with its "Golden Globe" presentations, followed by awards from the Los Angeles Film Critics, the New York Film Critics Circle, the National Board of Review, the National Society of Film Critics, etc. Not to be outdone in this serious cause, a group of local critics formed the San Diego Film Critics Society last year and met recently to vote on the best film achievements of 1997.

Two surprises emerged from this meeting. Although most critics groups have selected Helena Bonham Carter ("Wings of the Dove") or Julie Christie ("Afterglow") as Best Actress and Joan Cusack ("In and Out") or Julianne Moore ("Boogie Nights") as Best Supporting Actress. San Diego's film pundits picked Bai Ling ("Red Corner") for Best Actress and Jurnee Smollett ("Eve's Bayou") as Best Supporting Actress.

Ling performed her first starring role in an American movie in "Red Corner." This delicately beautiful Chinese actress played Richard Gere's defense attorney with great strength and intensity. Although now relocated in the United States, Ling took a great risk in accepting a part in a film so critical of China's legal system. When she was 14 years old, she served as a soldier in Tibet, and she was also present at the Tiananmen Square uprising.

In "Eve's Bayou," 11-year old Jurnee Smollett's role as the disappointed daughter of a philandering father required an emotional range and depth way beyond her years, but she met the challenge by giving an unforgettable performance.

The San Diego Film Critics Society also voted



Chinese actress Bai Ling makes her American starring debut as Jack Moore's court-appointed defense advocate, whose attempts to learn the truth in Jack's case cause her to question the legal system she serves, in MGM's high-stakes thriller "Red Corner."

special recognition for Samuel L. Jackson because of his outstanding work in "187." "Eve's Bayou," and "Jackie Brown." In addition, the group honored San Diego extras who helped with the filming of "Titanic." The remaining awards were more in line with those of other major critics groups. "L.A." Confidential" was chosen Best Movie. James Cameron as Best Director for "Titanic," Jack Nicholson as Best Actor for "As Good As It Gets," and Burt Reynolds as Best Supporting Actor for "Boogie Nights." "Shall We Dance?" was named Best Foreign Language Film.

Movie fans will have to wait until Feb. 13 for the Oscar nominations and until March 23 for those all-important Academy Award presentations.

Campaign spending is not the problem; it is a symptom of the disease called big government. Let's go back a hundred years, before the United States became a

welfare state. Government had relatively little power. There certainly were many wealthy people capable of making large campaign contributions, but this rarely happened. Why? Because government was incapable of helping or harming them.

Today, government can make or break a business simply with a handstroke of the legislative pen. Government can subsidize your lifestyle one day and make it illegal the next. Political contributions are made to either protect oneself or to harm a competitor.

The solution to the high cost of campaigns is to limit government. As government spending decreases, so will campaign costs. When politicians can no longer dole out favors, there won't be any more favors to be bought.

STEVE GREEN Santee Chairman, San Diego Libertarian Party

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The High Cost of Clean Air Smog checking goes higher

Air quality is getting better in San Diego County, but that trend won't hold steady unless drivers submit their cars to more rigorous smog checks starting this year.

For the first time, smog check shops will be using a treadmilllike machine to check emissions while the car is "running in place." A survey of East County shops reveals the price for a smog check may average around \$80.

"While emissions are coming down, we need to offset growth of vehicle travel," said Robert Rider of the county Air Pollution Control District (APCD). "We are breathing cleaner, but there still a ways to go.'

A new APCD report shows that San Diego air violated state quality standards 43 days last year. That's the best figure since monitoring began in 1978, a steady decline from 160 bad air days in 1988

Rider said the new smog check program is an attempt to sustain that trend in the face of a projected 3.5 million cars on San Diego roads by the year 2020.

Smog stations in the "enhanced" smog check program areas - air basins severely out of compliance with federal clean air standards — were required to order the new machines by Dec. 1 to continue providing smog check services.

There are new rules on exemptions and extensions, too. As of Jan. 1, new cars and trucks are now exempt for the first five years, as are pre-1974 model vehicles. A motorist with an emissions repair bill in excess of \$450 can request a one-time, two-year extension before completing the

For low-income motorists, the cap is \$250 to qualify for the extension.

The revised smog check program is a direct result of amendments to the federal Clean Air Act of 1990. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had initially proposed scrapping privately owned smog check stations. It recommended a state-run system, as well as mandating more costly emissions testing equipment and a more time-consuming smog test.

Resistance by Gov. Pete Wilson resulted in a compromise plan that allowed the smog check industry to remain intact. The plan is designed to achieve a reduction in vehicle emissions that will meet federal standards without unduly inconveniencing mo-

The latest emission testing equipment, "dynamometers, have treadmills that allow vehicles to be tested while they are running up to 25 m.p.h. Dynamometers allow specially trained smog technicians to measure oxides of nitrogen. or NOx, for the first time

NOx is not measurable when the vehicle is idling, the way smog check tests were previously conducted. NOx, which gives smog its brownish color, contributes to a number of health ailments associated with smog, including damaged lung tissue and a burning sensation while breath-

While smog stations in enhanced program areas were required to have the dynamometers ordered by Dec. I, motorists will not be held to the new emissions testing standards until March 1.

In the interim, smog shops will be getting the new equipment installed and using it to ensure that their licensed smog technicians are fully prepared to conduct the new test.

Because of the cost of the new equipment and the special training required, smog check costs are expected to rise. In addition to the cost itself, the Bureau of Automotive Repair charges \$8 to electronically transfer the test results and smog certificate to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Consumer Affairs/Bureau of Automotive Repair (DCA/ BAR.) Paper certificates have been eliminated.

Last year, the state introduced

a new emissions category Gross Polluter - to identify vehicles which emit at least twice the amount of pollutants allowed for that make and model. For Gross Polluters special rules apply.

These vehicles must be repaired and then get an independent re-test to confirm that the repairs corrected the problem. The re-test must be performed by a specially authorized station or "test-only" station.

These stations are privately owned Smog check stations licensed by DCA/BAR to inspect and certify vehicles. However . they do not provide any repair services. They are also the only stations permitted to inspect High Emitter Profile vehicles.

Low-income motor vehicle owners are defined as those with incomes at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty level (about \$27,000 annually for a family of four.) The Gross Polluter requirements apply statewide, in enhanced as well as non-enhanced program areas.



New smog check equipment tests a car while driving 25 m.p.h. on a treadmill. Local shops figure smog checks fees will at least double.

Ultimately, 15 percent of all motorists will be required to get their vehicles inspected at testonly stations. The requirement will be phased in over time, as more test-only stations enter the market. There are now 26 testonly stations in California, the two closest to East County being California Smog Certification in Chula Vista and California Smog Test Station in Hillcrest.

The Bureau of Automotive Repair is the state agency that licenses and supervises the 66,000

auto repair and smog check technicians in California. It runs the smog check program and encourages Californians to perform regular maintenance on their cars and trucks. The bureau is part of the California Department of Consumer Affairs

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Local models-for-a-day raise music scholarship money in style

by Mistie Shaw

"Puttin' on the Ritz" was the theme of Saturday's fundraising fashion show and luncheon sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Grossmont Community Concert Association (GCCA). The event raised more than \$5000 for instrumental music scholar-

The honorable Judge Gilbert Harelson introduced his wife. Henrietta, founder of the Women's Committee. Last year marked its 40th anniversary.

Although the event was held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Kearny Mesa, the models, audience. New York backdrop (borrowed from Christian Community Theater) and even most of the program advertisements were from East County

For the occasion. Gretchen Burns and her staff helped turn some of the GCCA members and their families into runway models. Men, women and children took turns strutting their stuff and showcasing new colors and styles

Mary Sessom, the mayor of Lemon Grove and Krista McNelly, Miss Spring Valley, were guest models

"I really, really liked it ... I'd love to do it again," McNelly said about her fashion-model-for-aday experience. "I was amazed at the hairstyles — Robert was great and it only took him five minutes to do my hair."

During the show, international-

ly acclaimed hairdresser Robert Curiel, owner of Robert's Coitfures of Del Cerro, performed his hair magic next to the runway so that the audience could observe his techniques. Specializing in extravagant, show-stopping coiffures, he recently worked on members of the cast for the filming of the movie "Titanic.

Tori Bergosh, the 2-year-old daughter of Jeff and Sally Bergosh of Santee, discovered the thrill of applause, and proceeded to prolong her walks on the runway as long as possible.



Tori is also the granddaughter of Jeff and Gayle Marsh of La



Betsy Armbruster and 5-year-old Elise Hanson (top) model clothing for a night on the town. Elise is the daughter of Dr. Peter and Shawn Hanson, and granddaughter of Dr. Kenneth and Jacquie Hanson, all of La Mesa. Caught in the middle of a quick clothing change (left), model-for-a-day Tori Bergosh of Santee smiles for the camera. Photo by Mistie Shaw

Mesa. Gayle is the chairman of the Grossmont Community Con-Association Women's Fashion Show Committee.

Designer knits created by Marie Aube of La Jolla drew oohs and aahs from many of the women during part one of the fashion show. Aube grew up in France but on visits between 1983 and 1986 fell in love with the United States. She also fell in love with an American, was married and became a resident here

Brady's Men Stores provided fashions for the male element, but the kids - in upscale threads from Spoiled Rotten - stole the show. This was the modeling debut for grandchildren of several of the committee members.

Dazzling sunshine and a torrential cloudburst competed with the entertainment, but Eileen Bowman and Rick Henry more than held their own. Their clever dialogue and melodious notes provided a lovely intermission during the fashion show and the raindrops thundering on canvas just added to the applause.

Both entertainers are local San Diegans and veterans of Starlight

Part two of the fashion show featured formal wear for various events including wedding attire from Dress to Impress and Mr. C's Upscale Resale. Although more expensive than prices at traditional thrift stores, the quality and condition of the apparel was excellent and a very good bargain. Following the show, clothing items that had been modeled were available for sale.

The GCCA will conduct a card luncheon to benefit their music scholarship program at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 29 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 4816 Glen St. in La Mesa. The cost is \$10 per person.

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by Bob Burns

Rotate the Mayor, why not?

talked about and I believe that it was more or less decided that a newly incorporated Lemon Grove would have such a system. Whoever won the first election, with the top vote total would be mayor, and then a twoyear rotation would ensue. The first part happened, but the second did not. Other cities, with the same format as ours, have done just that over the years and with great success. The mayor's chair is passed around the council and there is a healthy change of personality, style and demeanor in the process of the meetings.

As we all know, the mayor has no more power in our system of government than any other of the council members. All of the appointments made by the mayor are with strict affirmation by the council. No such selection is made without majority approval. The control of the meetings are within Roberts Rules of Order and in accordance with the Brown Act. All actions are subject to a majority vote of the council with the mayor's vote equal to the others. So, our mayor is a figurehead who only

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Entrenchment in office produces cliques and power struggles that detract from the important business at hand. Stepping stones to higher office and selfish agendas create discord and jealousy where altruistic cooperation should prevail. Each in his or her turn, at the helm and in the minor limelight, would be healthy and prevent the extraneous issues that encumber proper function of government. Like term limits, it would relieve candidates of repeated "runs for an office of mayor" and allow full attention to being a council per-

How can this happen, now that we have an elected mayor? Well, by having more good people run for the office. A good race for any office is healthy. Common sense and an understanding that government is suppose to do what is best for the most, within fiscally responsible guidelines, are the only qualifications. Time commitment, low salary and much reading, are mandatory with the job. The rewards of satisfaction of a job well done, on behalf of others. are intangible, but take it from me, they are tremendous.

Let's see a full slate of candidates for mayor and for the council seats. We have many. many very well qualified residents of our city who could serve admirable and effectively. Talk it up with your neighbors and consider it yourself if you have the time. Our city government should not be by only the retired. the wealthy, the ultra professionals. It is a part-time job that most anyone can handle with a little effort. Variety, new blood, new ideas and new style is just simply progress and inevitable change. How about it?

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Word of warning to those needing new roof after winter storms

Storm victims must be on guard against dishonest building contractors who are out to make a quick, illegal buck after El Niño or winter storms damage homes and structures, warns the Contractors State License Board (CSLB)

"Don't be a victim of a double whammy," said CSLB Registrar Dr. C. Lance Barnett. "A natural disaster can turn into a second man-made disaster when consumers, anxious to get their property and lives back to normal, succumb to the wiles of fraudulent contractors."

Contractors board stings and beefed-up enforcement activities support and protect consumers after a disaster. When unlicensed contractors conduct business in a declared disaster area, they are committing a felony and may receive a sentence of up to three years in state prison or a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

Travelers, dishonest contractors who travel from town to town, are known to move into an area after a disaster and pull off painting, roofing, and paving

Contractors involved in any construction project priced \$300 or more total for labor and materials must be licensed by the CSLB. To qualify for a license. contractors must be able to verify at least four years journeylevel experience in the craft and pass a comprehensive trade and license law examination.

Barnett urges consumers to be sure and take the following pre-

- · Don't pay more than ten percent of the contract price or \$1,000, whichever is less.
- · Don't rush into repairs or hire the first contractor who comes along.
- Don't be pressured to make an immediate decision.
- · Hire only licensed contractors. Ask to see the contractor's pocket license, together with other identification.
- · Get the contractor's license number, then call the CSLB's toll-free automated phone line at 1-800-321-2752, or log onto the world wide web at cslb.ca.gov to determine if the contractor is licensed.

·Get three references and review past work

- · Get at least three bids.
- · Get a written contract and don't sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
 - · Don't pay cash
- · Don't let the payments get ahead of the work completed.

· Order a free "Get Information to Build On" kit from the Contractors State License Board.

The Contractors State License Board, established in 1929. licenses and regulates the state's 278,000 construction contractors. The board has established a statewide Underground Economy Enforcement Program that focuses on the underground economy and unlicensed contractor activity. These units. working out of the board's regional offices, conduct stings and sweeps to curtail illegal con-

Replacing Your Roof: The age of your roof is usually the major determining factor of when to replace it. Most roofs last many years if properly installed and many times are fixable. An isolated leak usually can be repaired.

Water damage to a home's interior or overhangs commonly is caused by leaks from a single weathered portion of the roof. poorly installed flashing, or from around chimneys and skylights. These problems do not necessarily mean you need a new roof.

Preserving Your Roof: Whatever the roofing material composition shake, wood shake, tile, or metal - the best advice to

preserve your roof is to stay off of it. Also, seasonal changes in weather usually are the most destructive forces

Maintaining Your Roof: Homeowner maintenance includes cleaning the leaves and debris from the roof's valleys damage.

and gutters. Debris in the valleys can cause water to wick under the shingles and cause damage to the interior of the roof. Clogged rain gutters can cause water to flow back under the shingles on the eaves and cause

IRS offers problem-solving day to San Diego taxpayers

San Diego County taxpayers are invited to IRS Problem Solving Day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 31, at the IRS office located at 880 Front Street, in downtown San Diego.

Taxpayers who have experienced ongoing tax problems will have an opportunity to meet oneon-one with IRS employees to discuss their cases

"Problem Solving Day allows us to work in a different way. On this special day we are able to have employees with a wide range of technical skills in one location to assist taxpayers with complex or unusual problems," said Southern California District Director Marilyn Soulsburg.

To schedule an appointment, interested taxpayers should call (619) 557-2933 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Taxpayers should bring any pertinent records or correspondence with them to their Problem Solving Day appointment.

"We want taxpayers to understand that Problem Solving Day is their opportunity to meet with us and discuss their long-standing tax problems," Soulsburg said. "But our taxpayer advocate is available everyday to assist taxpayers whose cases have been caught up in red tape, or fallen through the cracks in the system."

If you are unable to attend on January 31, you may call (800) 829-1040, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to request your problem be referred to the taxpayer advocate. The taxpayer advocate assists taxpayers whose problems have not been resolved through normal chan-



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